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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 5, 2000, Applicant elects without traverse, Group I (claims 1-77). Applicant respectfully cancels remaining claims 28-185 without prejudice, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in divisional applications at a later date.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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